RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4

A RESOLUTION URGING MISSIOURI STATE LEGISLATORS TO ADOPT LAWS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AND PROMOTE SAFE SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The City Council of University City Missouri, St. Louis County stands in unwavering solidarity with the City and School District of Parkland Florida, Broward County during their darkest hour of pain and sorrow caused by the mass murder of students at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, as well as all other victims of similar events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considers the safety and well-being of all citizens of the City of University City and the Great State of Missouri to be the most important duty of the all elected officials regardless of political affiliation. The safety and security of all school aged children is an uncompromising obligation that must be accomplished through bi-partisan, rational and logical consensus by all members of the Missouri Legislature.

When crafting new legislation, we encourage Missouri State Legislators to:

- Limit weapon ownership by people with mental illness, history of violence toward others or threat thereof, and record of criminal activity,
- Enhance the effectiveness and extent of background checks,
- Consider reasonable restrictions on weapons that have no civilian purpose,
- Impose minimum age requirements for the purchase of weapons, and
- Consider requiring minimum levels of security in all public or state chartered schools and providing appropriate funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI URGES STATE LEGISLATORS TO ADOPT LAWS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AND PROMOTE SAFE SCHOOLS.

PASSED and RESOLVED this 26th day of March, 2018.

Mayor Shelley Welsch

Councilmember Rod Jennings

Councilmember Paulette Carr

Councilmember Terry Crow

Councilmember Michael Glickert

Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

ATTEST, LaRette Reese, City Clerk